

Application No.: 10/673,258**Docket No.: 4635-002****AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A disposable diaper comprising: a diaper body having a top sheet, a back sheet, and an absorbent body enclosed between said top sheet and said back sheet; a pair of side flaps fixed to said diaper body at a pair of side flap fixing parts and a pair of joint parts; and a pair of fasteners,

wherein said diaper body has a pair of parallel side end parts in a longitudinal direction of said diaper body, wherein each of said side end part has a first end part and a second end part which is located at an opposite side of said first end part;

wherein said side flap fixing parts and joint parts are located at said first end part of said disposable diaper, and wherein said side flap fixing parts are located on a side inner toward said diaper body than said joint parts along the width direction of said diaper body; and

wherein each of said side flap has an inner end part being disposed on an inner side to said diaper body along the width direction of said diaper body and an outer end part being disposed on an outer side to said diaper body along the width direction of said diaper body, and each of said fasteners is fixed to said outer end part of each of said side flap.

2. (Original) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said first end part of said diaper body and said inner end part of said side flap are overlapped.

3. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said joint part comprises a first joint part located at an upper part of said inner end part of said side flap

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and a second joint part located at a lower part of said inner end part of said side flap, and wherein said first joint part and said second joint part have a same length.

4. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said side flap comprises an elastic sheet and a non-woven fabric.

5. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said fastener is positioned at a substantial center in the vertical direction of the outer end part of said side flap.

6. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said joint part comprises a first joint part located at the side edge upper end area of the side flap and a second joint part located at the side edge lower end area of the side flap, and wherein the respective joint parts have a same length.

7. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said joint part and said side flap fixing part are joined and fixed by a thermal method.

8. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said fastener comprises a fastening member and a fastening tape substrate.

9. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said joint part comprises a first joint part located at an upper part of said inner end part of said side flap and a second joint part located at a lower part of said inner end part of said side flap, and wherein a length of said first joint part is shorter than a length of said second joint part.

10. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said

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joint part comprises a first joint part located at an upper part of said inner end part of said side flap and a second joint part located at a lower part of said inner end part of said side flap; and wherein a length of said first joint part is longer than a length of said second joint part.

11. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to any one of Claim 1, wherein said joint part comprises a first joint part located at an upper part of said inner end part of said side flap and a second joint part located at a lower part of said inner end part of said side flap.

12. (previously presented) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said side flap comprises an elastic sheet.

13. (Original) The disposable diaper according to Claim 4, wherein said non-woven fabric is elastic.

14. (canceled)

15. (Original) A method for adjusting fitness around a waist and legs when a disposable diaper is worn, by adjusting a length of a first joint part located at a side edge upper end area of a side flap and a second joint part located at a side edge lower end of the side flap,

in the disposable diaper wherein an inner end part of the side flap is fixed to an inner side end part of the diaper body, and either or both the side edge upper end area and the side edge lower end area of the side flap are joined to the diaper body at an outer side end part from said inner side end part of the diaper body.

16. (Original) A method for adjusting fitness around a waist and legs when a disposable diaper is worn, by adjusting a width of a first joint part located at a side edge upper end area of the side flap and a second joint part located at a side edge lower end of the side flap,

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in the disposable diaper wherein an Inner end part of the side flap is fixed to an inner side end part of the diaper body, and either or both the side edge upper end area and the side edge lower end area of the side flap are joined to the diaper body at an outer side end part from said inner side end part of the diaper body.

17. (Original) A method for adjusting fitness around a waist and legs when a disposable diaper is worn, by adjusting respective positions to which a first joint part located at a side edge upper end area of a side flap and a second joint part located at a side edge lower end of the side flap are fixed,

in the disposable diaper wherein an inner end part of the side flap is fixed to an inner side end part of the diaper body, and either or both the side edge upper end area and the side edge lower end area of the side flap are joined to the diaper body at an outer side end part from said inner side end part of the diaper body.